

Guam, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Japan, and Canada have participated in C.A.B.A. Current Major League Baseball Stars, Alex Rodriguez and Todd Helton, were both Graduates of the Year of this superior organization.

I am proud to honor Trinity Ballpark for hosting this year's Midwest National Championship, and wish all the players the best of luck in the tournament. Today is a fine day to celebrate America's favorite pastime with elite players from all over the country.

A MODEL FORD

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I wish to insert the following poem by Albert Carey Caswell into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. This poem is a fitting tribute to former First Lady Betty Ford.

A MODEL FORD

In life . . .
Do we dance? Or do we stand?
A . . .
A Model Ford . . .
A strong woman, our Nation loved and
adored . . .
Nothing Ordinary about her!
About this Ford!
From behind the scenes, a star was born!
Touching hearts, so very deeply . . . so very
warm!
Who became an activist, for our nation this!
A role model for women to look up to!
Who evolved and into a work of art . . . so
grew!
The only person a great President, owed any-
thing to!
Took away the shame, that women knew . . .
Giving them courage to speak up and out, to
fight Cancer too!
With her profiles of courage, out of her own
diseases . . . creating something new!
A place for all to so face, and battle and
fight their dark demons too . . .
For in you, we all so saw ourselves so too!
As the Betty Ford Clinic grew into a haven
for saving lives so true!
A place on this earth so very bright, to win
that battle that fight!
Oh Yes, oh how you spoke up and out for
women's rights!
A Mother . . . A Wife . . . A First Lady so
very bright . . .
An activist who so brought her light!
A Midwesterner, through and through!
A Michigander True Blue!
To bless our Nation, me and you!
A Model Ford, and a Cadillac of first ladies
too . . . who now so who . . .
Is up in Heaven as but an Angel, with her
husband Gerald too!
Because in the end, in your life Betty . . .
you danced!

In Memory of a great First Lady and a giv-
ing American, Betty Ford

—By Albert Carey Caswell

HONORING THE TOWN OF EDDINGTON, MAINE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of the town of

Eddington, Maine, as they celebrate their community's bicentennial.

In 1784, after the close of the Revolutionary War, Colonel Jonathan Eddy was granted 9,000 acres on the east bank of the Penobscot River in appreciation of his services during the conflict. This area would later be incorporated in 1811 as the town of Eddington, becoming the 184th town in the District of Maine. Working together to clear the land, the early settlers erected buildings, planted crops and built roads. Town records over the years from the individual villages show saw and grist-mills, a post office, general stores, churches, schools and other large and small enterprises. The town of Eddington illustrates the spirit of industry and perseverance that Maine people throughout history have demonstrated in embracing the challenges and opportunities of living in our state.

Eddington has shared in many of our nation's experiences. There is evidence of the Underground Railroad, and in the Civil War, one-eighth of the total population of the town was in service. Industrialization brought railroads to neighboring towns, small factories, and electric lights. The depression hit hard as the lumber industry began to diminish and mills were relocated. The conflicts of the twentieth century called upon many Eddington residents to protect their country, state and community, but the members of this town have always risen to the challenge.

Today, the people of Eddington celebrate the bicentennial of their town filled with the same local spirit and sense of common purpose that filled the first families as they petitioned to have their community recognized. These individuals embody the hardworking people of Maine.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the people of Eddington. It is an honor and a privilege to represent them, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to help Eddington celebrate its 200th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, due to an unforeseen family medical emergency yesterday morning, I was unable to vote on amendments to H.R. 2354 that were rollcall vote numbers 534–538. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way on the amendments: rollcall No. 534, Tierney of Massachusetts Amendment, “nay”; rollcall No. 535, Graves of Missouri Amendment, “yea”; rollcall No. 536, Scalise of Louisiana Amendment, “yea”; rollcall No. 537, Woodall of Georgia Amendment, “yea”; rollcall No. 538, McClintock of California, “yea.”

RECOGNIZING THE POVERELLO CENTER AND COMMEMORATING THE GRAND OPENING OF ITS NEW FOOD BANK AND THRIFT STORE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Poverello Center of Wilton Manors, Florida and commemorate the grand opening of its new food bank and thrift store. For 25 years, The Poverello Center has been an institution in the Broward County community, providing support services to men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS. With the dedication of its new, green facility at 2056 North Dixie Highway in Wilton Manors, The Poverello Center begins a new chapter in its mission of ensuring that individuals living with HIV/AIDS have life-sustaining food and basic living essentials.

The Poverello Center was founded in 1986 by Father Bill Collins, a man whose courage and compassion know no limits. At a time when many were turning their backs on individuals living with HIV/AIDS, Father Collins reached out to help them with the utmost understanding, respect, and love. Operating at first out of the trunk of his car, he used much of his pension to open the first Poverello food bank and thrift store in Pompano Beach. From those humble beginnings, The Poverello Center has continued to expand and improve its operations to better meet the needs of its clients.

Today, The Poverello Center provides a wide variety of support services to more than 2,500 low-income Broward County residents living with HIV/AIDS while protecting their privacy. Through its food bank, Poverello volunteers ensure that individuals receive 21 meals per week and meet the nutritional requirements necessary to remain adherent to their treatment. Furthermore, clients are given vouchers for clothing that can be redeemed in the Poverello thrift store. And, in order to help promote wellness and physical fitness, clients also have access to Poverello's full-service gym and alternative therapies annex.

Since Poverello's founding, Father Collins and his outstanding team of volunteers have helped over 12,600 lives touched by HIV/AIDS. Remarkably, they are able to provide these services completely free of charge. This would not be possible without the tremendous support of the community or critical HIV/AIDS programs at the state and national levels. That is why I pledge to continue doing everything in my power to help fund the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and other efforts that address the issues affecting individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

Mr. Speaker, as we recognize The Poverello Center's tremendous success and celebrate the dedication of its new home, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Father Bill Collins as well as each and every member of the Poverello team for all the hard work they continue to do on behalf of the AIDS community in Broward County and the least of us in our society. Their selflessness is a true inspiration to us all.

BETTER USE OF LIGHT BULBS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2417 proposes to repeal bipartisan, common sense lighting efficiency standards signed into law by President Bush in 2007. These technology neutral standards simply call for efficiency improvements of 25 to 30 percent above traditional incandescent bulbs and are broadly supported by industry, environmental groups and consumers alike.

Mr. Speaker, lighting accounts for approximately 19 percent of our total electricity use. So the potential for energy savings in the lighting sector is substantial. In fact, when these new lighting efficiency standards take effect in 2012, they will save the average American household over \$100 a year in lower electricity bills, negate the need for 30 large power plants and avoid approximately 100 million tons of carbon pollution, which is the equivalent of taking 17 million cars off the road.

Proponents of this bill falsely claim that these new standards will somehow eliminate incandescent bulbs or restrict consumer choice. In reality, major manufacturers including GE, Philips and Osram Sylvania are already manufacturing a number of bulbs—including incandescent bulbs—that meet the new efficiency standards. Additionally, these improved standards have drawn new entrants into the market, like North Carolina-based Cree, whose innovative LED products are creating jobs right here in the United States and giving consumers more choice, not less.

Mr. Speaker, the traditional incandescent bulb was invented over 100 years ago. We should no more turn back the clock on lighting efficiency than we should return to the days of ice boxes and the horse and buggy. This is fundamentally backward looking legislation that should be soundly rejected.

TRIBUTE TO HONORABLE RICARDO M. URBINA

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Judge Ricardo Manuel Urbina for his distinguished career and long outstanding service to his community.

Over the course of his career as an NCAA track and field champion and Georgetown University honors graduate, he distinguished himself as an athlete and a scholar. In the early years of his life, Judge Urbina was frequently recognized for his exceptional athletic achievements which included his running in the 1968 Olympic trials. After receiving his law degree in 1970, he continued to break barriers with every stride further earning a stellar reputation as a trial lawyer, academician and tenacious advocate for the fair and equal administration of law.

In 1981 President Reagan appointed him to the DC Superior Court. Thirteen years later,

President Clinton appointed Judge Urbina to serve on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia where he currently presides after thirty years of service on the bench.

I am inspired by Judge Urbina's steadfast commitment to the law and strict adherence to the highest ethical standards. Numerous lawyers, judges, and Latino leaders have had the privilege to be mentored by Judge Urbina and have benefited from his counsel and guidance. He has inspired a diverse network of people to strive to reach their fullest potential and pursue their dreams.

Judge Urbina's career exemplifies not only notable legal accomplishments and a long history of achievements in every arena of endeavor, but also a man's tireless efforts to improve the line of succeeding generations. Mister Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate Judge Urbina for his thirty years of service on the bench, to wish him the best as he assumes senior status and to recognize the many contributions he has made to the administration of justice.

HONORING MAUREEN AUBÉ

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the accomplishments of Maureen Aubé of Auburn, Maine.

Maureen is the recent recipient of the Jim Phillips Award bestowed upon her by United Way of America. The Jim Phillips Award is given to an individual who exemplifies the missions, visions and values of the United Way. Jim Phillips served United Way in numerous capacities over the years: marketing committee, campaigner, board member and board chairman prior to his death in 2002. The award is now given to one whom exhibits a character of compassion that is visible throughout his or her business, personal and family life.

I have had the honor to know Maureen personally, and she more than meets these standards. The United Way of America defines community impact as "mobilizing communities to create lasting changes in community conditions that improve lives." Maureen does just that. She has been a long-time volunteer with United Way, serving 4 terms on the Campaign Cabinet, as well as advocating for those in the National Guard and working on community revitalization and service projects through the Elks Club.

In addition to serving on the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce, Maureen is also a volunteer for the Public Theatre, the L/A Film Festival and the Regional Plan Advisory Committee. She also serves on the Ben Hayes Support Fund Committee.

Maureen has left a lasting mark on Androscoggin County and the state of Maine. On behalf of the people of Maine, it is with pride that I congratulate Maureen for her excellent work.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Maureen Aubé on the receipt of this award and in thanking her for her dedication to the people of Maine.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 526, I voted "yea," when I intended to vote, "nay."

HONORING PAUL SPANIOLA

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Paul Spaniola for his 83rd year as the owner of Paul's Pipe Shop in Downtown Flint. Paul's Pipe shop is a local landmark and has resided in the same location for over 48 years.

Paul was born in Owosso, Michigan on January 29th, 1913. At the age of 15 he opened his original location in Morrice, Michigan. Shortly after, in 1930, he moved the shop to Swartz Creek. In 1948 he moved to Flint's Downtown District, where he resides to this day.

Paul is a world renowned pipe smoker and his reputation precedes him in the competitive pipe smoking community. Paul is the only person to win the International Association of Pipe Smokers World Championship six times. He won his first championship in 1951 smoking for over 68 minutes, again in 1966, 1970, 1973, 1977, and his last in 1992 smoking for over 98 minutes.

Through his travels as shop owner and world champion, Paul was able to smoke a pipe with many interesting people and celebrities. One very notable occasion came about when he was asked to teach Susan Hayward how to smoke a pipe for her role in "The President's Lady." Others include Charles Stewart Mott, Billy Martin and Gov. G. Mennen Williams. As well as maintaining his shop and winning championships Paul is involved in many local charities and community organizations.

Paul is known for his pipe shop but he is more than that. He is a devout Catholic and family man. Paul married Leona Merrill and had 11 children. In 1978, Leona passed away. Several years later, he married Doris Bloss and she had 3 children. All together, Paul has 14 children, 47 grandchildren, 74 great grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker I would like to congratulate my friend Paul Spaniola on his 83rd years in business and his commitment to the downtown area.

HONORING DR. DAVID BURR

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I join the friends and family of Dr. David Burr in mourning his passing earlier this week.